

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2, 14, and 18-21 are amended. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 17 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2-16 and 18-21 are pending and under consideration.

Applicant points out to the Examiner that an IDS was filed regarding the present application on June 14, 2005, and respectfully request consideration of the same.

ITEM 3: ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Item 3 of the Action indicates that claims 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claim. (Action at page 10).

Claim 19 is rewritten herein in independent form including limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 17.

Claims 18 and 20 are amended herein to depend from claim 19. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

ITEM 2: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2-16 AND 21 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY YOSHIDA ET AL. (U.S.P. 6,404,886)

The Examiner rejects claims 2-16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida.

Claims 2-16 depend from rewritten base claim 19 that the Examiner has indicated is allowable, as amended herein.

Claim 21 is amended herein to include applicable features recited in claim 19, as amended, that the Examiner indicated as allowable if rewritten to include features of base claim 1 and intervening claim 17.

Therefore Applicants submit that claims 2-16 and 21 are now allowable for at least the same reasons for which the Examiner indicated that claim 19 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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